

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Omar Flores-Sanchez
Mitsushige MURATA, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 3724
Application No.: 10/691,541)
: Confirmation No.: 6892
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

This Statement is in response to an Interview Summary in the above-identified application. On July 27, 2006, Applicants' undersigned attorney conducted a personal interview initiated by the Applicants in the application. The purpose of that interview was to discuss an Amendment After Final Rejection filed June 2, 2006, in the application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney explained to Examiner Florez-Sanchez Applicants' position regarding the drawing objection and the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection in the application.

Examiner Florez-Sanchez advised that the amendment filed on June 2, 2006 would overcome the drawing objection but, in his opinion, the amendment broadened the scope of the

claims requiring an updated search. Specifically, the deletion of the recitation “both end portions of” in Claims 1, 10, and 11 was at issue. Examiner Florez-Sanchez further advised reinstating the recitation “both end portions of” and adding a new figure to the drawings illustrating the claimed feature of “positioning unit grasping both end portions of the sheet.”

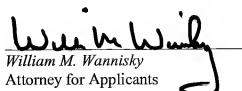
It was agreed that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on June 2, 2006, was sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that this Statement provides a complete accounting of the substance of the interview with the Examiner in accordance with the Manual of Patent Examiner Procedures (MPEP) Section 713.04

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Statement, or any other issues in the application, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney at the address shown below.

Applicants’ undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,


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